

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

The Supreme Court has ruled the public already has domain over fair use copying. As such the publishers have no standing for expressing such claims. Applying such forms of flagging will directly infringe on rights the Supreme Court has already confirmed exist.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices? Provided you purchased and licensed devices from them. This is a sham as they'll undoubtedly never produce such devices. Besides, we the citizens already have the right to do this.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

See above question in that it's very likely going to require a device specifically built for the conversion and will undoubtedly never be produced. Or certainly not at a price that the public can afford.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

Sure it's not their intent, what a pack of lies. The publishers (as in Disney) have time and again shown incredible unwillingness to embrace new technology. What better way to stifle the development of anything new than to block it's ability to use the medium?

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

The flag will require devices. The device will have to be manufactured. That manufacturing will require licensing fees. The devices will also require marketing. Any sane person realizes the costs will be marked up (considerably) and passed on to the consumers. All to infringe on rights we, the owners of the airwaves, already possess.

Other Comments:

The airwaves belong to ME and my fellow citizens. While the broadcasters and publisher would like you to think otherwise, their ability to utilize the airwaves are a privilege GRANTED to them by the FCC acting as an agent for the public.